Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 14, line 17, with the following rewritten paragraph:

-- Turning to **Figure 5**, an alternative embodiment of the present invention is discussed in further detail wherein the digital multimedia player **104** automatically performs the synchronization and download function between "master" and "subordinate" digital multimedia devices **104,112**. The subordinate digital multimedia device establishes network contact with a selected master digital multimedia device in the required communicating manner. The subordinate digital multimedia device then queries the master multimedia device to determine if content downloads or updates are available(**Step 502**). The master digital multimedia device responds to the query(**Step 504**). If content updates or downloads are available, the subordinate digital player device initiates the synchronization and download of the appropriate files(**Step 506**) and the digital data is placed in the data storage memory unit of the subordinate digital multimedia device(**Step 508**). After download is complete and at various selectable intervals, the subordinate digital multimedia player may then again query the master digital multimedia device for available content downloads or updates(**Step 510)** and the process is again repeated. It should be noted that the user may access and play stored audio content ~~while~~ with the digital multimedia player while the update synchronization functions are being performed and that the process may be initiated by the master digital multimedia device as opposed to the subordinate multimedia device. Likewise, subordinate multimedia devices may synchronize with other designated master multimedia devices such as a personal computer, a source database or other networked storage service or devices, and receive download updates or multimedia files as set forth in this specification.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 15, line 14, with the following rewritten paragraph:

-- Referring now to **Figure 6**, a flowchart **600** depicting a synchronization of the instant invention is described. A process(**Step 602**) determines when to initiate the synchronization. Once a decision is made to initiate synchronization, a request is made and the depicted synchronization process

starts**(Step 604)**. A first determination is made in that if the request is rejected, the process reverts back to step **602** to wait for another initiation as to when to start the synchronization process**(Step 606)**. If the request is accepted, the flowchart**600** progresses onward. A second determination**(Step 608)** is made in that if a previous synchronization point, or well established point exists, the synchronization process progresses to receive information from a server**(Step 610)**. The received information from the server includes files containing audio and video entries. As can be appreciated, the instant invention teaches a set of zones wherein any zone has a zone specific device that contains all the audio and video, as well as text information which a user needs. If the information is not contained within the zone specific device, it is synchronized and made to contain the information. Therefore, if the device already has the information the user needs, an indication of the information may be transferred instead of the whole information, since the whole information is already in the device albeit not specifically used by a particular user. Continuing describing step **610**, information may be received from the server regarding files on audio and video information from a database associated with the server. The information may include coded addition, deletion, or modification instructions for a specific device in a zone**(Step 612)**. In other words, the database includes time sensitive information related to devices residing in different zones. For example, the user may change her preference in a particular zone at some recent time. This change is going to be noticed by the server, which stores related information in the database. A request for transmission of audio, video, or textual files is generated whereby each zone specific device is going to eventually be comprised of information specified by the user**(Step 614)**. As can be appreciated, the information is the most recent information the user wants it to be. As a result, a new synchronization point is achieved. This synchronization resulted in establishing the most recent well-established synchronization point**(Step 616)**. The synchronization process terminates**(Step 618)**.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 16, line 19, with the following rewritten paragraph:

-- Referring back to step **608**, if no previous synchronization exists, a host sends all the necessary information to at least one client, which comprises the relevant devices in each zone respectively**(Step 620)**. The host can be any device in a zone capable of communicating information

to other devices residing in different zones. This usually occurs during the initial or setup period wherein different zone devices have not set themselves up for the user specific information. Or this may occur when substantial change in regard to user preference is initiated. By way of example, change preference from country music to rock-n-roll. Client then determines what information is needed and in turn requests and receives the needed information. As can be appreciated, the needed information comprises audio, video and other graphic and textual files, or segment of files, or indexing information related to the above(**Step 622**). ~~The end result is that different zone specific devices in different zones is going to have substantially identical information, which the user wants. In addition, a determination is made in regard to change that has occurred since the establishment of the last synchronization point, or the optimal state(Step 623).~~ Thereupon, the logic progresses toward step **614**.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 17, line 15, with the following rewritten paragraph:

-- Referring now to **Figure 7**, a block diagram **700** of an embodiment of the instant invention is depicted. A central storage and interface device **702**, which can be a AudioReQuest Pro, produced by ReQuest, Inc. is shown. It is noted that AudioReQuest is a trademark of ReQuest, Inc. A local area network (LAN) **704** couples central storage and interface device **702** to ~~at least one~~ zone specific storage and interface devices **706**, **708, and 710, each of** which resides in a specific zone (not shown). ~~Network connection 707 couples other zone specific storage and interface devices, 708, 710 each residing in a specific zone (not shown).~~ A personal computer **712** is coupled to LAN **704** as well. In addition, other device **714** such as an intelligent MP3 player is coupled to LAN **704** as well. An automobile **716** that has AudioReQuest capabilities is also coupled to LAN **704**. It is noted that LAN **704** can be based on Ethernet. ~~And LAN 702~~ or can be landline or wireless such as IEEE 802.11 radio frequency or other suitable standard.